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Fri 8am - 12 pm

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Leave a clear voice message with your name, address, phone # and your work order Issue.

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How glorious a greeting the sun gives the mountains!

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Photo by Tyler Finvold

## CFHA Staff Update: New Position and New Hire

Amanda Thomas was the Housing Service Specialist at Clark Homes, she has accepted the position of **Lead** Housing Services Specialist. She will continue to work from the Clark Homes office. Amanda will oversee Brannen, Siler and Clark Homes. Congratulations Amanda!

Anna Cresap is the new hire for Siler, her first day was Monday March 7, 2022. She will be working with Caleb and Amanda to familiarize herself with the program and future communication will come from Anna. Welcome Anna!

## City of Flagstaff: Mask Mandate

Masks are no longer required in City facilities effective March 7, 2022.

During the March 1, 2022 Flagstaff City Council meeting, the Council decided to update mask requirements in City facilities to match updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), effective Monday, March 7, 2022. As the CDC currently lists Coconino County's community level as "medium", masks will not be required to be worn indoors at City facilities, upon the effective date.

City facilities that will no longer require a mask for entry include City Hall, the Visitors Center, the Flagstaff Aquaplex, the Hal Jensen Recreation Center, the Jay Lively Ice Arena, the Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library downtown and the East Flagstaff Community Library, among others.

Masks are still required to be worn within the Flagstaff Pulliam Airport, as this facility is governed by requirements from the Federal Transportation Security Administration.

Although masking will no longer be required, everyone is encouraged to mask to their comfort and risk level. Individual decisions to mask or not to mask based on individual circumstances should be supported and respected.

For related questions, please contact Senior Deputy City Manager Shannon Anderson at [sanderson@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:sanderson@flagstaffaz.gov).

# FLAGSTAFF HOUSING AUTHORITY

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February 11, 2022

## Public Notice-Low Income Public Housing Utility Allowances

Based on a utility study the utility allowances are being adjusted for all households with recertifications effective May 1, 2022.

|                       | Bedroom Size |             |              |             |             |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| LOCATION              | 1            | 2           | 3            | 4           | 5           |
| <b>Brannen Homes</b>  |              |             |              |             |             |
| Current               | \$34         | \$39        | \$46         | \$63        |             |
| <b>New</b>            | <b>\$34</b>  | <b>\$38</b> | <b>\$42</b>  | <b>\$43</b> |             |
| <b>Siler Homes</b>    |              |             |              |             |             |
| Current               |              | \$33        | \$46         | \$54        | \$73        |
| <b>New</b>            |              | <b>\$37</b> | <b>\$45</b>  | <b>\$44</b> | <b>\$70</b> |
| <b>6-13 Scattered</b> |              |             |              |             |             |
| Current               |              |             | \$104        | \$104       |             |
| <b>New</b>            |              |             | <b>\$93</b>  | <b>\$96</b> |             |
| <b>6-9 Scattered</b>  |              |             |              |             |             |
| Current               |              |             | \$90         |             |             |
| <b>New</b>            |              |             | <b>\$111</b> |             |             |

*The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities. Please contact the Maintenance Manager / CFHA 504 Coordinator with questions or concerns (928) 213-2754*

## Rent Reminders

- ♦ Rent is due the 1st business day of the month: March. 1, April. 1, May 1, June 1, July 1, August 1, etc.
- ♦ Late fee of \$25 is applied at 8:00 AM on the 6th business day of the month: March 8, April 8, May 9, June 8, etc
- ♦ Make your Money Order or Checks, payable to CFHA, (City of Flagstaff Housing Authority).
- ♦ Use blue or black pens only. Do not use colored pens or pencil.
- ♦ Print your name and address clearly, help us apply your rent payment correctly to your household.
- ♦ Keep your Money Order **Receipt**, do not include with your payment to CFHA.
- ♦ Only complete payments will be accepted, this includes Maintenance Charges that have posted to your account.
- ♦ The three (3) late payment policy can result in program termination.
- ♦ Failure to pay rent following notices may result in court action.
- ♦ QUESTIONS ?? Speak with your Housing Service Specialist.





## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSING AUTHORITY FIVE YEAR PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE



The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority is developing the Annual Update to the Five-Year Public Housing Agency Plan for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025 in accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The draft Plan is available for review, City of Flagstaff Housing Authority website, [flagstaff.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/71420/](https://flagstaff.az.gov/DocumentCenter/View/71420/) or by request to Kurt Aldinger, Compliance And Reporting Manager [kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov). Anyone wishing to comment on the Plan must provide written comments with name and address so responses can be provided to any and all comments. Comments may be submitted electronically to [kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov), or through the drop box or via mail to either Flagstaff Housing Authority Office, 3481 N Fanning Dr, Flagstaff, AZ 86004 or 1 Brannen Circle, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

**In addition, a public hearing will be held on April 14, 2022, at 4:00 pm. In order to comply with current City of Flagstaff meeting restrictions this meeting will be held in virtual format. You can scan this QR code with a smart phone camera, or email Kurt for the link to attend.**

**[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YmQzNjYzMzUtZDc4My00MDVklWJkY2UtNmFiNWl0MzhjMGE2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225da727b9-fb88-48b4-aa07-2a40088a046d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%220c4bb06b-3f06-4bbe-84ec-fc6a68b680d7%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YmQzNjYzMzUtZDc4My00MDVklWJkY2UtNmFiNWl0MzhjMGE2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225da727b9-fb88-48b4-aa07-2a40088a046d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%220c4bb06b-3f06-4bbe-84ec-fc6a68b680d7%22%7d)**



*Persons requiring hearing, visual, language, mobility or other accommodations may contact Kurt Aldinger, Public Housing Manager, at [kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov), (928) 213-2736 or TDD (928) 774-5281 at least three business days prior to the public hearing.*

### Join the Resident Advisory Board

#### **Have a Say in the future of the Housing Authority!**

Each year the Housing Authority must submit a Five Year Plan or update, along with the Five Year Capital Plan. These plans guide policy, programming, repairs, updates to homes and grounds. The Resident Advisory Board reviews these and provides input to ensure that Resident needs are best being met. The time commitment is small, and all contact is done via email or mail unless a meeting is requested. **Your input is needed!** If interested, contact your Housing Service Specialist, or Caleb Alexander or Kurt Aldinger by email at [kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov).

### Join the Board of Commissioners

The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has open seats specifically for program participants! Board meetings are 1-2 hours on the third Thursday of the month, starting at 10:00 am.

Meetings are presently held online via Microsoft Teams (technical assistance is available as needed). Serve your community, mark off volunteer hours, and represent resident concerns by joining the Board!

To learn more and apply, visit [flagstaff.az.gov/994](https://flagstaff.az.gov/994). Computers are also available to apply at 3481 N Fanning Drive during business hours.



## Tax Information:

### Need help filing your taxes for free?

Visit the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov> to learn more about filing taxes, filing extension to 10/15/2022, Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit (eligibility expanded to 64 and up). Many adults are eligible for additional money through the Earned Income Tax Credit. **Eligibility for the EITC has been expanded** from those who are 25-64 years old to now include those who are ages 64 and up.

The Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit are large tax refund payments that people can receive when they file a tax return. The 2021 American Rescue Plan expanded who can receive these payments and increased the amount of money available to many families and individuals. These tax credits are not income. Receiving these benefits will not impact eligibility for other federal benefits.

Only two organizations in Flagstaff, staffed by volunteers are assisting with 2021 Taxes. Both locations are reporting a full appointment schedule.

#### Northland Free Tax Assistance

We prepare and electronically file FREE Federal and State Income tax returns for clients whose household income is \$60,000 or less. For more information visit the **CLIENTS** page/tab found at <https://northlandfreetaxassistance.weebly.com>

- Family Resource Center (FRC): Summit High School/FRC, 2801 N. Izabel St. South Entrance, the following Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm: March 4, 18 and 25; and April 1,

#### AARP — Flagstaff Site

We prepare and electronically file FREE Federal and State Income tax returns for all clients. Visit the website at [https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations) or call (928) 919-9277 to make an appointment.

- East Flagstaff Community Library: 3000 N. 4th St, Ste. 5. Saturdays; 10:00 am to 1:30 pm
- Joe C. Montoya Community/Senior Center: 245 N. Thorpe Road, Monday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and Thursday 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Tax season will end April 18, 2022**



## Recipe: Aquafaba

Aquafaba is the liquid from a can of chickpeas and is used for a variety of food dishes. The recipe below is for egg substitute and cream for desserts.



**Egg substitute:** Liquid used from the can.

Recommendation from Resident; 1 Tablespoon for 1 large egg, Use when short one egg in recipe.

Recommendation from internet “Go Dairy Free”: 3 tablespoons for 1 large egg.

#### **Aquafaba cream:**

1/4 cup of Aquafaba

1 Tablespoon pure maple syrup

1 Teaspoon vanilla



Beat all together with mixer on medium speed. Raise speed to high until foamy. Beat on high until stiff peaks form. Whip just before serving for peaks to stay high. Can be used on desserts such as pie!

*Source: submitted by an anonymous resident. Thank you for your recipe to the newsletter.*

Additional sources: Go Dairy Free at <https://www.godairyfree.org/recipes/aquafaba>

## 2022 HAI Scholarship

HAI (Housing Authority Insurance) Group’s Resident Scholarship Program helps low-income students pay for higher education.

They will be awarding scholarships worth \$6,000 each to 20 residents to continue their education. Students may enter and be awarded scholarships for up to four consecutive years. Access online applications, <https://www.housingcenter.com/scholarships/>, **apply before 4:00 PM EST on Friday, April 29, 2022.**

**Enrollment:** Must be enrolled in an accredited an/or licensed technical school or accredited two-or four year college or university in the U.S. for the Fall 2022 semester.

**Residency:** Resides in a housing authority

**Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident (with a green card).

**Questions:** Email HAI Group at [scholarship@housingcenter.com](mailto:scholarship@housingcenter.com)



3330 E. Elder Drive www.tynkertopia.org 928-326-3400

**Tynkertopia**, is a fun and engaging educational community center located within the Siler Homes community. We focus on helping children and youth build skills in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics. In addition, we help children and youth develop self-confidence, perseverance, and ownership of their learning. We also provide **after school homework help**. Please come and visit Tynkertopia to see our welcoming and exciting space.

Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 12 PM - 5:30 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM.

In March, we are offering the following **FREE classes for elementary school learners**.

- Tuesdays: March 1, 8, 22, 29; from 4 pm to 5 pm  
Take Apart and Peek Inside
- Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 23, 30; from 4 pm to 5 pm  
Explore Science & Art with Author/Illustrator Eric Carle
- Thursdays: March 3, 10, 24, 31; from 4 pm to 5 pm  
Introduction to Coding for Elementary Students
- Fridays: March 4, 11, 25, April 1; from 4pm to 5pm  
STEAM Explorations

**FREE class for parents or guardians of children ages 2.5 to 5 years**

- Tuesday from 10 – 11 AM on March 1, 8, 22, 29.  
"Building a Tynkering Mindset." Both Parents and/or guardians and children are invited to attend this class. We will explore why play is the best way for young children (and most of us) to learn and how everyday home items and recyclables can spark creativity. We'll model how to ask open-ended questions that encourage creative thinking in young minds, and we'll share quality age-appropriate books that spark the imagination of young minds. **All participants will receive an educational toy and a children's book.**

Please call **928-326-3400** to register, or visit **Tynkertopia** to register in person.



## Kids' STEAM Corner: Invisible Ink

When life gives you lemons, make a secret message from **invisible ink**!

### Supplies

One lemon; cotton swab; sheet of white paper; sun or iron, or lightbulb.



### Directions:

1. Squeeze the lemon juice into a bowl and add a spoonful of water.
2. Mix gently. Dip the swab into the liquid and write a message or draw a picture on the paper.
3. Let the liquid dry completely so that the message or picture is invisible.
4. To share your secret, set it in sunlight, hold close to a lightbulb, or iron (with adult help).
5. The message will be revealed!

### How does it work?

Diluting or adding water to the lemon juice makes it very hard to see when you apply it to the paper, but lemon juice is an organic substance that oxidizes and turns brown when it's heated up. This means that no one will notice that the secret is there until the paper is heated and the message is revealed!

Source: <https://www.parents.com/kids/education/>

## **Coconino County:** Repair appliances

Income eligible individuals can contact Coconino County Health and Human Services for financial assistance to repair broken appliances including: Microwaves, Landline telephone, Washer and Dryer. Other appliances like Water Heaters, Refrigerators, Cooking Stoves, Furnaces and Electrical Panels are listed, as residents of the Housing Authority you would report these broken appliances to the Maintenance work line.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Household income must be at or below 200% of the current Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines. The applicant must be the owner of the applicant or system to be repaired and/or replaced. A qualified individual of the agency may conduct inspection of the needed repair and/re replacement.

Contact us to learn if you are eligible for assistance. Call [928-679-7453](tel:928-679-7453) or email [communityservices@coconino.az.gov](mailto:communityservices@coconino.az.gov)

## Your Story Could be Featured in Next Month's Newsletter!

If you have news of accomplishments, original artwork, poetry, community group news, recipes, or if you just want to see something specific on the next newsletter, we want to hear from you! Drop off a letter at the Siler Homes office or send an email to [housing@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:housing@flagstaffaz.gov).

Bulk trash pickup should be placed curbside by 6:00 am on the Monday of your collection week.

# March 2022

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| <b><u>Trash Pickup</u></b><br>Crestview and Cedar  | <b><u>Trash Pickup</u></b><br>All Sunnyside<br>Scattered Sites<br><br><b><u>Recycling Pickup</u></b><br>Brannen and Verde | <b><u>Trash Pickup</u></b><br>Siler, Brannen,<br>Steves, Alta Vista,<br>Lockett, and Verde | <b><u>Recycling Pickup</u></b><br>Cedar and Crestview  | <b><u>Recycling Pickup</u></b><br>Siler, Lockett, Alta<br>Vista, Steves, and all<br>Sunnyside<br>Scattered Sites |
| February 28<br> | <b>March 1</b><br><br><b><u>Public Housing<br/>Rent Due</u></b>   | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 7<br><b><u>NO Bulky Trash<br/>Pickup in March:</u></b><br>Siler, Greenlaw, &<br>Scattered Sites  | 8<br><b><u>Public Housing<br/>Late Rent Fees<br/>Applied at 8am,<br/>Notices Sent.</u></b>                                | 9  | 10   | 11<br>                       |
| 14<br><br><b><u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u></b><br>Brannen & Verde                                   | 15<br><b><u>Last day to turn in<br/>Annual Recert.<br/>Packets for June by<br/>8:00 am.</u></b>                           | 16   | 17<br><br><b>Board of<br/>Commissioners<br/>Meeting at 10 AM<br/>Via Zoom</b><br> | 18   |
| 21   | 22<br><b><u>Last Day to Pay<br/>February Rent to<br/>Avoid Court Action<br/>by 8:00 am.</u></b>                           | 23   | 24   | 25<br><b><u>Last day to report<br/>changes to insure<br/>rent decrease by<br/>8:00 am.</u></b>                   |
| 28<br><br><b><u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u></b><br>Crestview, & Cedar                                | 29  | 30   | 31   | April 1<br><br>             |

## April Rent Dates

Late fees applied: On 8:00 am on Friday, April 8th

Last day to pay previous month's rent to avoid court action:

By 8:00 am on Friday, April 22nd

